



"Therefore, Go!" Pastor Andy's Monthly Outreach Update

August 30, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May you be "strengthened with all power, according to God's glorious might." May you be filled with "all endurance and patience with joy." (Colossians 1:11, NLT) I pray you all had a wonderful summer and found some time for rest and relaxation in the midst of many activities. Here at Shepherd, the school year is off to a great start and I've enjoyed seeing all the kids back on campus! This month, I'd like to share a few updates with you.

Back-to-School Bash

Our outreach committee helped welcome and greet students and their families back to campus at the school's annual Back-to-School Bash on Monday, August 14. We enjoyed seeing all the smiling faces and it was a joy for us to be able to treat them to free iced drinks from Hitched Cafe!

Classroom Shepherds

We are preparing for our school to have Classroom Shepherds again this year. Classroom Shepherds are our own church members who volunteer to help in a specific classroom throughout the year. This service can take many forms and is a way to help strengthen the connection between our church and school. Of the 13 K-8 classrooms, we currently have 11 of them covered. What that means is there's still time and space for you to serve in this way! I keep hearing how the volunteers enjoy it just as much, if not more, than the students and teachers do. As I said, there's still time to get involved. So please email me at pastorandy@shepherdlutheran.com to sign up!

Trunk-or-Treat

We've already started planning for this year's Trunk-or-Treat which will be on Sunday, October 29 from 3-5 PM. Mark your calendars and plan to be there! We'll have a variety of ways you can serve, so please keep that in mind as well. Look for more info coming soon.

Meals on Wheels

Our ministry of the month for September is Meals on Wheels. Many of you, as well as our church staff, have worked with them in the past. If you want to join our church staff, the next day we're serving meals is on Thursday, October 12. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Pray for Opportunities

I've recently been reading about prayer and the importance of it. This month, I want to encourage you to be praying for the people and opportunities around

you. We all have our own unique “environments” that we live in and each of us are influencers in those spaces. Sometimes we are so busy with our own lives and our own concerns that we miss opportunities right in front of us. Pray that God would open your eyes to see opportunities where you can help meet needs or share Jesus with the people around you. I think you’ll be surprised at what happens when we not only see, but respond to the needs of those around us and in our very own neighborhoods!

Peace,
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